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Appl. No.: 09/466,174 Group: 2881

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE WITH SPOT-SIZE
CONVERTER AND METHOD FOR BARBICATING THE
SAME

LETTER IN REPLY TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT MAILED DECEMBER 31, 2001

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks

January 29, 2002

Sir:

The Applicants elect without traverse claims 1-8 (Group I), which is drawn to a semiconductor laser classified in Class 372, Subclass 50.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Elliot A. Goldberg (Reg. No. 33,347) at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit

Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully Submitted,

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